

The claims remaining in the application are 1 through 33; claims 1-20 are original; claims 21-33 are new.

REMARKS

The Applicants have added new claims 21-33 for the Examiner's consideration of alternative language and alternative claim scope. It is respectfully submitted that these claims encompass embodiments disclosed in the application as originally filed, but not claimed. No new matter is submitted.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing an additional document for the Examiner's consideration, which is respectfully requested. The document is in English and thus no explanation of its relevance is required; further, it is a U.S. Patent, and thus no copy need be provided. The document is cited more than three months after the filing date of the subject application but before the mailing date of a final Action or a Notice of Allowance. The Applicants elect to pay the fee for the consideration of the document and authorization for paying the fee from a Deposit Account is authorized in a separate document accompanying the instant one.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments presented above give the Examiner alternative claim language to consider. Consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of his duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number below for any reason, especially any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

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